

REMARKS

In connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), an Information Disclosure Statement, the above claims and the following remarks are submitted in response to the final office action dated January 23, 2007 (the "Final Office Action"). Claims 1-14, 16, 26, 27 and 29-41 were examined. Claims 10-14, 16 and 30-41 were allowed. Claims 1-8, 26 and 27 were rejected. Claims 9 and 29 were objected to. Claims 1-9, 15 and 17-29 are canceled. Claims 42-43 are new. Claims 10-14, 16 and 30-43 remain in the Application.

Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 10-14, 16 and 30-41 in the Final Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claims 9 and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 42 and 43 are claims 9 and 29, respectively, rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their original base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 42 and 43.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 500-4787.

Respectfully submitted,

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